

WEATHER FORECAST:
Fair and Cool Tonight.
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KOVNO FALLS BEFORE FIERCE ATTACK LED BY HINDENBURG

More Than 400 Russian Cannon
Taken When Germans Storm
Fortress With 42-Centi-
meter Guns.

Czar's Garrison Now Retreating
Over Railway to Vilna After
Offering Stubborn Resist-
ance for a Week.

BERLIN (Via wireless to Say-
ville), Aug. 18.—The great Rus-
sian fortress of Kovno was cap-
tured by the Germans last night.
An official announcement from the
war office today declared:
"The fortress of Kovno, to-
gether with all the forts and war
material not yet counted has been
in German hands since last night.
More than 400 cannon were taken.
The fortress was stormed in spite
of the most tenacious Russian resis-
tance."

The fortress of Novo Georgievsk
is about to fall. German troops
have stormed and captured two
more of the forts on the north-
eastern side of the Novo
Georgievsk.

Capture of Kovno, the most im-
portant German victory since the
taking of Warsaw, forecasts the
surrender by the Russians of the
strongly fortified Kovno-Brest
Litovsk line, of which Kovno was
the northern stronghold. Austro-
German forces already are within
striking distance of the outer forts
of Brest Litovsk, the southern end
of the Russian line of defense.

HIS PERSONAL TRIUMPH.
Kovno fell under the eye of Hin-
denburg. Capture of the fortress is
the first personal triumph of the "Old Man
of the Masurian Lakes" since the great
Austro-German campaign in the east
was inaugurated.

The six great forts defending the city
from the west and southwest were
simply blown to pieces by the incessant
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CROSS GLACIERS TO CAPTURE BATTERIES

Italian Alpinists Make Daring
Midnight Attack on Aus-
trians.

ROME, Aug. 18.—Creeping single-file
across two great glaciers at midnight,
a small detachment of daring Alpinists
scaled the snow-topped peak of Tuck-
etapitze and surprised and captured an
Austrian battery mounted on the sum-
mit.

The official statement, detailing this
operation, given out early today, also
reported a successful attack on two of
the principal positions defending the
Austrian fortress of Tolmino, on the
Isonzo. The Italians occupied several
tranches and took 564 prisoners and
many guns.

The capture of Tucketapitze was one
of the most brilliant feats of the Tyro-
lean fighting. A small body of Alpin-
ists, among them many mountain
guides, set out from Capanna Milano
Monday night. The night was black,
but, fearing detection while crossing the
ice field, the Alpinists divided into two
small groups, roped together to prevent
disaster in case of a fall. The first group
crossed the glacier, then crossed, then
crossed, nearly 10,000 feet above the
sea level. Through the pass the Alpin-
ists made their way to the edge of
Campo glacier and crossing without resis-
tance, climbed the steep heights of
Tucketapitze, 11,354 feet in the clouds,
and surprised the sleeping Austrians.
One group then made its way to Hinter
Madatschpitz, 11,285 feet above the
sea, and drove the Austrians down the
slopes before dawn.

"We have occupied Battelberg, west of
Lange Alps," General Cadorna reported.
In the Monte Nere region we have
captured several of the enemy's
tranches, repulsing counter-attacks."

Offers Premiership To War Party Leader



—Photo by Underwood & Underwood.
KING CONSTANTINE
Of Greece.

VENIZELLOS TO FORM NEW GREEK CABINET

Accepts Ministry Proffered by
King—Prepared to Meet Op-
portunities.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—Ex-Premier Veni-
zellos has accepted the invitation of King
Constantine to form a new Greek cabi-
net, according to dispatches from
Athens today.
The so-called "war party" leader and
the King found themselves in accord,
the dispatches said, and Venizelos prom-
ised to name the new ministry within a
few days.
The new cabinet, it is stated, probably
will favor the continuance of the policy
of neutrality, but will be willing to par-
ticipate in any negotiations that may
advance Greece's interests.

GENTLE ZEPHYRS FORETELL AUTUMN

Palm Beach Suits Give Way to
Heavier Clothes as Ther-
mometer Volplanes.

Gentle zephyrs as of early fall played
about outside, and faint odors as of
moth balls were detected inside closed
street cars this morning.

For the Palm Beach suits will have a
vacation for nearly a week, beginning
today, and some even brought forth
overcoats to come downtown in this
morning. The mercury volplaned down
to 55 degrees, the Weather Bureau re-
ports, between 5 and 6 o'clock, and even
after daybreak it climbed very slowly
in the tube.

This happy state of affairs was
brought about, the forecasters state, by
a low barometric pressure over the
northern area of the United States, and
the cooling breezes were due to the cold
northwest breeze "pulled in" by the
storm now raging in Texas.

Happier news yet was forthcoming
from the weather man, for he predicts
this sort of weather for several days
to come, and believes it will last over
the greater part of a week. There is
nary a sign of a hot wave in sight.

HEARING DELAYED FOR INTERPRETER

German Charged With Seeking
Forbidden Information, Pleads
Not Guilty.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Aug. 18.—
Walter Ortolph, charged with entering
Government reservations to obtain in-
formation regarding national defense to
which he was not entitled, pleaded not
guilty at the hearing in Tallahassee
Tuesday afternoon. The hearing by com-
missioner of counsel was postponed to Thurs-
day, the delay being in order to obtain a
German interpreter.
It is stated the authorities have dis-
covered strong evidence against Or-
tolph. The nature of the evidence is
withheld by the investigators. The
chief witnesses in the case are persons
with whom Ortolph lived while on the
Florida west coast.

Brazilian Envoy Is Safe at New Orleans

Senor Cardoso, the Brazilian minister
at Mexico City, along with the Guate-
malan minister to Mexico, Senor Ortega,
has arrived in New Orleans. They were
on board the Sacramento, which was
delayed by the storm in the Gulf.
Both ministers will come to Washing-
ton. The Brazilian minister has been
in charge of American interests in Mex-
ico City, and will be received by the
President and Secretary Lansing, and
thanked for his services.

GERMANS OWN CRAMP'S WALL STREET HEARS

Great Shipbuilding Plant at Phil-
adelphia Said to Be Control-
led by Kaiser.

IMPORTERS ARE AROUSED

Trade Expert Said to Have In-
spired Protest—Von Bern-
storff Remains Silent.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—That the
great Cramp shipyard at Philadelphia
is now controlled by the German im-
perial government is the latest al-
legation brought about by the exposure
of Teutonic activity in this country.

Wall Street is confident that the
Kaiser's nation owns this vast estab-
lishment, the purchase having been
made by Chandler Brothers & Co. from
the proceeds of many millions
of dollars raised by the sale of Ger-
man imperial treasury notes.

The German government has raised
\$20,000,000 in this country since March.
Wall Street recalled today, following
the important disclosures made by
the New York World that accredited Ger-
man agents had established a large
munition factory in Bridgeport and
had purchased the output of powder
mills, shipyards and munition plants
to handicap the allies.

No Official Answer.
"Don't expect any official answer to
the allegations now being printed. There
will not be any, for there is nothing to
answer."

So declared today one of the purported
chief conspirators of the alleged German
conspiracy which a New York news-
paper asserts has been organized against
the neutrality of the United States.
A persistent effort was made by the
United Press today to obtain an ex-
pression from the men branded as con-
spirators, on the strength of their pri-
vate correspondence, as revealed in the
World exposé, but they, apparently,
have no statement to make. The Ger-
man quoted refused to permit use of his
name.

"Only one thing can keep that story
alive," he said, "and that would be a
reply by Ambassador von Bernstorff, or
Dr. Albert, or the chancellor himself.
They won't answer it because it contains
nothing that requires an answer, and
they know that to make a statement
now would only be to prolong the at-
tack. It will fall of its own weight or
blow away by reason of its lack of
weight in another day or two."

Seeing Count von Bernstorff at the
Ritz-Carlton seemed to confirm this
German's view. He refused to discuss
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CAPACITY OF CARS PUZZLE TO BOARD

Public Utilities Commission
Opens Investigation as to
Proper Standard.

When is a street car overloaded?
Is it when it contains only a small
percentage of "stray hangers" or
when passengers are clinging to the
steps?

Investigation is being made by the
Public Utilities Commission with a
view of establishing a fixed standard
of car loading. This statement was
sent to the Washington and Old Do-
minion Railway Company today, fol-
lowing the receipt of a letter asking
that it be advised as to what has
been established as an overcrowded
or unduly crowded car.

The railway company was notified
that observations made by inspectors
of the commission show overcrowded
conditions on the cars leaving for
Great Falls during the afternoon rush
hours.

"In a number of instances," the com-
mission stated, "as many as 27, 28, and
31 passengers in excess of the seating
capacity were observed on cars having
a seating capacity of forty-four."
"Such conditions appear to be con-
ducive not only to inconvenience and dis-
comfort, but actual danger as well,
particularly as passengers are some-
times found riding on the steps."
The company's answer to a recent
letter on the subject was that while
some cars leave the terminal at Thirty-
sixth and M streets with a large per-
centage of standing passengers, they
begin to discharge at Rosslyn, and
within ten or twelve minutes usually
have less than a seated load.

Footpads Bombarded With Battery of Eggs

CHESTER, Pa., Aug. 18.—A bag of
eggs early today saved Wallace Gages
of being "touched" for a gold watch
and \$10 in cash by footpads.
The men held up Gages in a lonely
spot and demanded he empty his pocket.
His answer was to throw a dozen
and a half of eggs in the thieves' faces.
The would-be robbers were routed.

Mexican War Cost 14 American Lives

A Total of One Hundred and Two
Soldiers and Civilians Kill-
ed or Wounded.

A total of 102 American soldiers and
civilians have been killed and wounded
along the United States-Mexico border
from March 6, 1911, the date President
Taft first ordered troops to the border
States to prevent firing across the in-
ternational line, according to official
War Department figures prepared for
the United Press today. The tabulated
casualties follow:

KILLED.	
Soldiers.	Civilians.
Progresso Ferry. 1	Naco. 3
Mercedes. 1	Brownsville. 2
Unnamed place. 1	Douglas. 1
	Salto. 1
	El Paso. 1
	Noria. 1
WOUNDED.	
Soldiers.	Civilians.
Progresso Ferry. 2	Naco. 2
Naco. 1	Douglas. 1
Alto. 1	El Paso. 1
Unnamed place. 3	Pilar. 1
Brownsville. 1	Sebastian. 2
	Noria. 1
Total casualties, 102.	
Total killed, 14.	
Total wounded, 88.	

18 BODIES FOUND NEAR GALVESTON

Crew of Work Train Report
Devastation Great as They
Approach Flood-Swept City.

SMITHVILLE, Tex., Aug. 18.—The
crew of a Santa Fe work train reaching
here from Texas City Junction at noon
reported the track torn up and that they
were unable to proceed further.
They say they found eighteen bodies
at Hitchcock, twenty miles from Gal-
veston.
Several business signs from Market
street, Galveston, were found scattered
all the way from Hitchcock to Texas
City Junction, they said.
The water said to be three miles
farther inland than in 1900, when Gal-
veston was nearly wiped off the map.

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 18.—Reports re-
ceived here from Houston today stated
that ten houses were blown down in
Bellville, a suburb of Texas City. Two
killed—a carpenter, whose barn fell on
him, and a negro who became entangled
in a live wire. Practically every big
establishment in Houston was badly
damaged.
Seabrook, a small town, twenty-five
miles from Houston, on the bay, was
practically annihilated. The town also
suffered heavy damage, and is in need
of food supplies. A boatload of pro-
visions has been sent there from
Houston.

No News From Texas Is Being Received By Weather Bureau

The storm that swept along the coast
and now is spending its force in Texas
is playing havoc with the records of the
United States Weather Bureau.
When a storm is in the interior re-
ports can be obtained from the stations
it, but this storm, it was said at the
bureau today, has cut off all of south-
eastern Texas.

Reports of terrific winds today were
received from Houston, which reports
had been sent by mail to Taylor and
telegraphed from there. All telegraphic
communication with points in the sweep
of the storm has been cut off, and rail-
road communication has stopped from
many cities, including Galveston.
This leaves the Weather Bureau with-
out its daily reports from a large sec-
tion of the Gulf coast, and only mes-
sages from the cities in the vicinity of
tell of the havoc wrought in the storm-
rased area.

Damage in Houston As Result of Storm May Reach \$5,000,000

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 18.—Railroad
men reaching Temple, Tex., from Hous-
ton over the Santa Fe, report great
damage in the latter city as the result
of yesterday's storm.

Reports of buildings have been un-
roofed and many completely destroyed,
they said. Electric and gas plants are
said to be out of commission and the
entire telephone system paralyzed.
From Houston to Rosenberg the
whole country is devastated and is un-
der from two to four feet of water,
according to the reports. A letter re-
ceived from Rosenberg today said that
alone was estimated at \$5,000,000.

Reports of the full force in
Dallas last night, and there was still
considerable wind and rain this morn-
ing. The damage was comparatively light.
This was made emphatic by Sec-
retary Daniels today. The Secretary
talked about the reports that the editor
of the Providence Journal had laid be-
fore him evidence that unneutral mat-
ter was going through the Sayville
plant for the benefit of Germany.

Secretary Daniels said that about
three weeks ago he had a conference
with John Rathmon, editor of the Provi-
dence Journal. Rathmon laid before him
evidence that unneutral messages had
been sent through Sayville. This evi-
dence was such that the Secretary
called in Captain Bullard, head of the
Arlington wireless plant and superin-
tendent of the radio service. Together
they went over Rathmon's evidence.

Such is the care being taken by this
Government now, according to Sec-
retary Daniels, that if the officer in
charge at Sayville has any doubts
about the propriety of a message he
sends it to the Navy Department be-
fore allowing it to pass.
"Anybody can set up a little receiving
plant," said Secretary Daniels. "But any-
body who sends a message to the
State Department, which is not in code
is a message which will be made public
anyhow. If any message is sent which
is confidential, it is in code and unless
the person receiving it has the code he
would have no information."

OBREGON DEFI BLOW TO HOPE OF PEACE PACT

Mexican Military Leader An-
nounces He Will Fight to Fin-
ish and Won't Parley.

KILL AMERICAN SOLDIER

Mexicans Fire Across Border
and Wound Others in Ameri-
can Patrol.

The last hope of influencing General
Carranza to agree to peace parley
through General Obregon, his first mili-
tary chief, and the man most respon-
sible for Villa's defeat, was shattered
when the text of an interview in which
Obregon declared for a finish fight
reached Washington today.

Gen. Pablo Gonzales, Carranza's other
chief military leader, previously had de-
nounced the efforts of Pan-American
diplomats and declared that their in-
terference, military or political, in
Mexico meant war. General Obregon
declared that so far as he was concern-
ed the war would go to a finish.

Conferred With Villa.
"Any suggestion that I shall engage
in the conference will be rejected,"
said Obregon. "If there is any sugges-
tion of a conference it must be made by
General Carranza, and it is he who must
answer."

Obregon was sent by Carranza to
treat with Villa when the latter first
broke with the first chief. He was
unsuccessful. "I did my best to pre-
vent the war," Obregon said in recalling
this earlier peace move. "I pleaded with
General Villa and risked my life to in-
duce him not to cause a split. He would
have war, however, so now, as far as I
am concerned, it will go to a finish."

American Soldier Killed.
One American soldier killed and two
wounded in the latest toll taken by the
Mexican border raiders, according to an
official report received at the War De-
partment today from Maj. Gen. Fred-
erick H. Funston. One of the wounded
Americans is a commissioned officer.
The casualty list is:
Killed—Corpl. John William, Troop C,
Twelfth Cavalry.
Wounded—Lieutenant Henry, shot
three times in the arm, all flesh wounds,
and Private Edmonds, B. Jackson,
Troop C, Twelfth Cavalry.

The Americans were fired on from
across the border by a band of seven-
ty-five Mexican desperadoes.
Carranza and Carranza's generals are
continuing to insist that Carranza must
be recognized by the United States and
the Latin-American powers represented
in the conference must keep hands off.
From all indications, Carranza's
response will be a flat demand for rec-
ognition.

Report of Funston.
In reporting last night's brush on the
border, General Funston transmitted to
the War Department the following re-
port by Major Anderson, commanding
at Mercedes, Tex., near where the at-
tempted raid took place:
"About dusk, a Mexican outpost of
fourteen men, under Lieutenant Henry,
at Progresso Ferry, eight miles south
of Mercedes, was fired upon by a band
estimated at about twenty-five men
from across the river. Our men re-
turned the fire; engagement lasted
about thirty minutes."

NEUTRALITY OF RADIO CAREFULLY GUARDED

Special Orders Given by Sec-
retary Daniels to Watch Wire-
less Messages.

The Navy Department, as a result of
special orders, given by Secretary Dan-
iels, is seeing to it that no unneutral
messages are sent through the Say-
ville wireless plant for the use of the
German Government or any other for-
eign power.

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Scoffs at U. S. Plea For Peace in Mexico



GEN. ALVARO OBREGON.

ZEPPELINS AGAIN RAID ENGLISH COAST

Ten Killed and 36 Wounded in
Third Night Attack on Brit-
ish Isle.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—Zeppelin airships
again raided the English coast last
night, killing ten persons and wounding
thirty-six. The admiral said the Zepp-
elins escaped.

This afternoon's official statement,
like those issued following previous air
attacks, contained no mention of the
localities raided.

"One of the raiding dirigibles is be-
lieved to have been hit and damaged
by anti-aircraft guns stationed along
the coast. The bombs damaged several
buildings, including a church."
"Zeppelin visited the eastern coun-
ties last night and dropped bombs,"
said the admiral's statement. "Our
forces were on the alert, and in action, and
it is believed one Zeppelin was hit.
Due to the difficult atmospheric condi-
tions, the Zeppelins escaped."
"Some houses and other buildings, in-
cluding a church, were damaged. The
dead include seven men, two women
and one child. The injured were fifteen
men, eighteen women and three chil-
dren. All the victims were civilians."
This is the third air raid by Zeppelins
on the east coast within eight days, and
the seventeenth air invasion of England
since the war began. A total of eighty-
five persons have been killed by bombs
dropped from German air craft over
England, and 267 persons have been in-
jured.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS TO BACK WAR CREDIT

When Reichstag Meets Tomor-
row Dr. Karl Liebknecht May
Alone Offer Objections.

BERLIN (via The Hague), Aug. 18.—
Despite the activities of Dr. Karl Liebk-
necht, radical socialist leader, the ma-
jority of the socialists in the reichstag
are prepared to vote a war credit of
\$2,002,000,000 when the Reichstag con-
venes tomorrow.

Liebknecht, who already has an-
nounced that he will ask the government
on what terms Germany would agree to
an immediate peace, probably will vote
"no" on the proposal to grant further
credits for war purposes. A few other
socialists may leave the hall as a silent
protest, but the majority of the socialist
members, following a three-day confer-
ence, have announced their determina-
tion to support the government.

As a spectacle, the first session of the
reichstag tomorrow afternoon will rival
the famous meeting of a year ago when
the first credits for the prosecution of
the war were voted amid unparalleled
scenes. American Ambassador Gerard
and other members of the diplomatic
corps are planning to attend. It is re-
ported that the coming session will
uncover several party splits, principally
in the ranks of the National Lib-
erals and the Socialists. The socialist
labor leaders, for instance, will insist
that action be taken against alleged food
speculators. They also will prepare to
oppose certain new orders respecting the
German landsturm.

Released By Court 3 Negroes Lynched

Alabama Mob Executes Men Who
Had Been Accused of Poison-
ing Mules.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 15.—Three
negroes were lynched at Hopeville, near
here, early this morning by a mob.
The negroes were recently released in
court on charges of poisoning mules.

GOV. HARRIS PROMISES TO FIND LYNCHERS OF LEO FRANK

"Shocking Affair Will Be Probed
to Bottom, I Will Undertake
to Bring Them to Justice,"
He Declares.

Body of Mob Violence Victim on
Way to Brooklyn for Inter-
ment as Officials Begin In-
vestigation.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 18.—
Governor Harris was at his office
early this morning to devote his
attention to the investigation of
the lynching yesterday of Leo M.
Frank near Marietta.

"The shocking affair will be
probed to the bottom," the gover-
nor said. "I will undertake to find
out the men who took a hand in
the lynching and bring them to
justice."

The governor said he would con-
fer with the members of the pris-
on commission as soon as possible.
One of the commissioners, E. L.
Rainey, arrived in Atlanta this
morning and the others, R. E.
Davison and T. E. Patterson, are
expected later in the day.

Mr. Rainey said that the officials
at the State prison farm should not
be held responsible for the remov-
al of Frank, nor, he added, could
the prison commissioners, who
were at the farm, be held re-
sponsible.

"The mob took everybody com-
pletely by surprise and nobody had
a chance to resist," Mr. Rainey de-
clared.

BODY SENT NORTH.

The body of Frank left Atlanta at
12:01 o'clock Wednesday morning on
Southern passenger train No. 38. With
the body went Mrs. Frank, the widow;
Alex Marcus, her brother-in-law; Rabbi
David Marx, the family pastor; Her-
bert Haas and Harry Alexander, friends
of Frank and attorneys in his case.

The body will be taken to the home
of Frank's parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Isidor Frank, in Brooklyn, and all ar-
rangements for the funeral and inter-
ment will be made there.

The funeral train will pass through
Washington about 11 o'clock tonight and
arrive in New York at the Pennsylv-
ania station at 6 o'clock tomorrow
morning.

The body was viewed by thousands of
people yesterday afternoon at the un-
derstanding establishment of Greenberg
& Bond at Houston and Ivy streets.
The police made the crowd pass
through in single file, entering through
the front door and going out through
the back door, and no person was al-
lowed to pause beside the body. The
viewing commenced shortly after 2
o'clock and continued until 7 o'clock,
so as to give the undertakers time
and room to embalm the body for
shipment to New York. Chief
Mayo was present much of the time
that the body was being viewed to direct
the handling of the crowd. Acting Mayor
Ragsdale also was to the scene and ad-
dressed the crowd, urging it to be quiet
and orderly.

Governor Incensed.
The governor is understood to be far
from satisfied with the explanation
given by members of the State prison
board and officials that the Milledgeville
prison farm warden, superintendent,
and guards were so ill-prepared that
they were powerless to resist the
lynchers.

He is quoted as saying that, in view
of repeated threats that the place would
be raided and Frank taken from his
custodians and lynched, all preparation
ought to have been made, and the lack
of them was unpardonable.

The governor is also understood to be
much incensed at the Atlanta police
for yielding to the demand that throngs
be permitted to view the body and ex-
posing it for thousands to the scene and ad-
dressing the crowd, urging it to be quiet
and orderly.

While one element throughout the State
condones the lynching, another group is
open in its expression of opinion, not
only that the affair was a frightful out-
rage, but that the authorities, wherever
they figured in the case, made an abomi-
nable showing. Judge Morris, of Marietta,
who saved Frank's body from mutila-
tion and succeeded in getting it to At-
lanta, is practically the only person
spoken of as having behaved creditably
in connection with the incident.

Governor Criticized.

The governor himself came in for se-
vere criticism for leaving the capital to
make a speech at the State camp-
ment of Confederate veterans after it
was known Frank had been kidnaped
from Milledgeville. He was blamed in
general, too, for conditions on the prison